

- POSITION** Associate Professor, Community Health, Family & Consumer Sciences Department  
(This is a 12-Month Tenure-Track Position and 100% Extension position.)
- LOCATION** The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, Knoxville, Tennessee
- EFFECTIVE DATE** Screening of applicants' credentials will begin February 13, 2023, and continue until the position is filled.

### **SALARY and BENEFITS**

Salary will be commensurate with training and experience. Benefits include group hospitalization and life insurance; vision and dental insurance; State Employees Retirement; workers' compensation; education, generous sick and annual leave; numerous University of Tennessee and state benefit programs, including liberal time off for holidays and longevity pay after three years of service; reimbursement provided for official travel; no State income tax.

Tennessee has strong statewide public health leadership that focuses on community-based solutions. The University of Tennessee (UT) Extension, the outreach unit of the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture (UTIA), is a strong partner addressing health challenges across the state. UT Extension Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) focuses on a multi-disciplinary approach addressing social determinants of health in rural and urban communities. FCS seeks a Community Health faculty member to contribute to the missions of the FCS department, UT Extension, and UTIA. This position is responsible to the Extension Assistant Dean and Department Head of Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS).

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Plan, develop, and implement research-based community health programs and resources that serve Tennesseans and address topics such as (but not limited to): health across the lifespan, physical activity, substance misuse, health policy, rural health care, environmental health, disaster preparedness, and volunteerism.

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## **RESPONSIBILITIES** (continued)

- Provide interpretation and application of current research, emerging issues, and legislation related to the above topics, and set program direction.
- Lead multi-disciplinary collaborations.
- Seek, secure, and manage internal and external resources (i.e., grants) to support and enhance programs.
- Support established state, regional, and national networks and coalitions.
- Evaluate the effectiveness and impact of state-wide programs in community health; report to the appropriate state and national agencies and to program stakeholders.
- Provide leadership and technical guidance to Tennessee Extension agents via phone, email, website resources, online training, and in-service training. Technical guidance includes interpreting current research findings, needs assessments, educational strategies, evaluation methods, data collection and interpretation, research-based resources, coalition building, staff development, and mentoring.
- Enhance and share expertise through presentations, publications (peer-reviewed and otherwise), and maintain active membership in relevant professional organizations.
- Provide service and leadership within the department, university, and profession.
- Provide accessible educational materials and programs for clientele regardless of race, color, national origin, age, sex, veteran status, or disability.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Earned doctorate in Community Health, Public Health, Health Communication, Kinesiology, Nursing, Exercise Physiology, Gerontology, Family and Consumer Sciences, Human Sciences or closely related field(s)
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Strong organizational skills
- Ability to interact effectively with diverse groups
- Demonstrated success in grant and contract efforts

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## **QUALIFICATIONS** (continued)

- Demonstrated ability to develop, implement, and evaluate curricula appropriate for youth and adult audiences
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Accomplished educator with high quality presentation skills
- Demonstrated ability to serve as a supportive team member in leadership and membership roles
- Evidence of scholarship through scientific presentations and publications
- Training and experience in needs assessment and evaluation

## **PREFERENCES**

- Understanding of rural healthcare systems
- Experience with Cooperative Extension (or similar outreach education organization)
- Nationally recognized in discipline

## **FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES DEPARTMENT**

UT Extension FCS (<https://fcs.tennessee.edu/>) is the University of Tennessee at work in the community. At the departmental level, FCS faculty use research-based information to lead programs and train field educators to help Tennesseans gain knowledge and develop confidence in making good decisions today and tomorrow. Our success in helping consumers improve their well-being results in economic benefits for individuals, families, and communities. UT FCS Extension is comprised of a supportive multi-disciplinary team of over 30 subject matter specialists, faculty and staff. Areas of expertise include Community Health, Consumer Economics, Nutrition, Human Development, and Evaluation. Join us, and your educational efforts can be used to improve the quality of life for Tennesseans!

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## **UNIVERSITY and COMMUNITY**

The University of Tennessee Knoxville (UTK) is the state's flagship research institution, a campus of choice for outstanding undergraduates, and a premier graduate institution. Currently, the University has approximately 27,039 undergraduate and 6,766 graduate students. As a land-grant university, it is committed to excellence in scholarship, learning and service and aims to enrich and elevate society. In 2015, UTK was awarded the Carnegie community engagement classification.

Knoxville is situated in a valley between the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Cumberland Plateau, areas of great beauty and among the most bio-diverse in the U.S. Knoxville is a city of 200,000 offering many amenities of urban life. Knoxville has a beautiful and walkable downtown, active neighborhoods, and eclectic cultural activities, restaurants, and shopping. Trip Advisor recently named Knoxville a Top Ten Destination on the Rise. Knoxville is located within easy driving distance to Asheville, Atlanta, and Nashville.

## **APPLICATION and INQUIRIES**

The application should include a letter addressing the required and desired qualifications stated in the position announcement, a curriculum vitae, names and contact information of three references, three confidential letters of recommendation, and a copy of transcripts showing degree(s) conferred. Applicants should apply here:

<http://apply.interfolio.com/121285>. Inquiries regarding the position should be directed to the chair of the search committee: Dr. Heather Sedges, (865) 974-7193 or [hsedges@utk.edu](mailto:hsedges@utk.edu).

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